

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 04-03-23**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 22, 2004
Commission Meeting: March 23, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications N2004.3.33 (Scott)

On March 5, 2004 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 04-03 promotion- Digital Switched service. This promotional price for Advanced DSS Customers who install new service, renew existing contracts or convert from a month-to-month purchase arrangement to a contract. The bulk price for a 36 month contract during the promotional period for the DS1 facility, common equipment; and up to 12 DSS advanced trunks is \$370.00 per month. The promotional period is from April 5, 2004, through July 2, 2004. The promotion is available where it is technically feasible and where facilities are available.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2004.2.23, et al. – Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems/Montana Telecommunication Association – Eligible Telecommunication Carrier Rulemaking, Motions for Stay of Pending Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Matters. (3/23/04)
2. D2002.11.140, D2003.10.151 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002/2003 Gas Tracker, PSC Gas Notice of Inquiry. (3/23/04)
3. D2003.10.152 – Wilder Resorts Inc. d/b/a Fairmont Hot Springs – Motion to Modify Procedural Order. (3/23/04)
4. N2004.1.15 – NorthWestern Energy – Default Plan. (3/23/04)
5. NorthWestern Energy – Placeholder to Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (3/23/04)

Other Meetings

3/24/04 – 3:00 p.m. – NorthWestern Energy Reorganization Plan

3/25/04 – 8:00 a.m. – Energy and Telecom Interim Committee Meeting

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2004.3.36 – Blackfoot Communications – Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Areas Served by Qwest

D2004.3.37 – Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems/ Montana Telecommunications Association – Joint Petition for Immediate Suspension of Intermodal Number Portability Requirements

D2004.3.38 – Range Telephone – Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier in the Forsyth, Montana Exchange

D2004.3.39 – Montana Telecommunications Association – Petition for Suspension of the Federal Communications Requirements to Implement Wireline/Wireless Number Portability

D2004.3.40 – Montana Dakota Utilities – Application to Implement a Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change

D2004.3.41 – Qwest Corporation and ACN Communications Service, Inc – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Adopting Qwest's SGAT and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services

D2004.3.42 – Qwest Corporation and Bridgeband Communications Inc – Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Adopting Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services

D2004.3.43 – Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative Inc – Complaint Regarding NorthWestern Energy Tariff

D2004.3.44 – Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems – Petition for Suspension of Intermodal Local Number Portability Requirements